

CHAPTER 99-174

Committee Substitute for House Bill Nos. 421 and 485

An act relating to evidence; providing that evidence of voluntary intoxication is not admissible for certain purposes; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Voluntary intoxication; not a defense; evidence not admissible for certain purposes; exception.—Voluntary intoxication resulting from the consumption, injection, or other use of alcohol or other controlled substance as described in chapter 893, Florida Statutes, is not a defense to any offense proscribed by law. Evidence of a defendant's voluntary intoxication is not admissible to show that the defendant lacked the specific intent to commit an offense and is not admissible to show that the defendant was insane at the time of the offense, except when the consumption, injection, or use of a controlled substance under chapter 893, Florida Statutes, was pursuant to a lawful prescription issued to the defendant by a practitioner as defined in s. 893.02, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved by the Governor May 14, 1999.

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